
PARTNERSHIP TO AMEND 42 CFR PART 2

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Part 2 Partnership Pleased to Support New Lead Sponsor for OPPS Act, Congressman Mullins

Washington, DC (November 6, 2017) – The Partnership to Amend 42 CFR Part 2 (Partnership), a coalition of over 35 health care organizations committed to helping the country end the opioid crisis, today affirmed support for Congressman Markwayne Mullin (R-OK) as the new Republican lead sponsor of H.R. 3545, the Overdose Prevention and Patient Safety (OPPS) Act, after asking for unanimous consent this week on the House floor. Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) is the Democratic lead sponsor.

The Partnership looks forward to Congressmen Mullin and Blumenauer’s leadership on this important piece of legislation. The OPPS Act will be instrumental in aligning 42 CFR Part 2 (Part 2), an antiquated set of requirements that limits coordinated care, with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) for the purposes of health care treatment, payment, and operations (TPO) and strengthening protections against the use of substance use disorder records in criminal proceedings.

H.R. 3545 will grant appropriate sharing of substance use disorder records to ensure persons with opioid use disorder, other substance use disorders, or history of substance use disorder treatment receive accurate diagnoses and safe, effective, integrated treatment.

Former Congressman Tim Murphy (R-PA) was the original sponsor of H.R. 3545.

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